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STREETS

People Across Europe Protest
Cuts in Spending to Education
and Public Services

By JYOTHI NATARAJAN

After hearing that his local public youth center in Oxfordshire, England (United Kingdom), would be closed in March 2011 because of budget cuts, 12-year-old Nicky Wishart decided to take action. In December, he organized a protest outside the local office of Prime Minister David Cameron to save the center. After learning about his plan though, police officers pulled Nicky out of class. Nicky told reporters that one police officer said to him, "If a riot breaks out we will arrest people, and if anything happens you will get arrested because you are the organizer."

As Nicky's fight for his youth center shows, the spending cuts in Europe are affecting kids, too. The youth center in Oxfordshire is one of hundreds of centers across the country that are set to close next year. Kids go there to use computers and the Internet, play table tennis, listen to music and hang out with other kids without having to spend money. Wishart's mother explained, "Through the club they've had all sorts of experiences that I couldn't afford to give them myself."

To organize the protest, Nicky used the computer at the center to create a Facebook group called "Save ALL U.K. Youth Centers." Despite pressure from the police not to hold the protest, he and more than 100 other people joined the rally. "I just want to say to [Mr. Cameron], look, this really doesn't have to close. Lots of people use it."

Nicky Wishart protesting the closing of his public youth center. Nicky helped to bring together more than 1,500 kids across the United Kingdom who felt strongly about saving their youth centers.



TOM JENNINGS

Students in London protesting cuts to spending on education. In the United Kingdom (U.K.), Spain, France, Greece, Italy and Ireland, governments are also cutting their budgets because of the financial crisis. More than one in five 16- to 24-year-olds in the European Union are unemployed.

What's Happening Across Europe

Here's a look at how spending cuts are affecting some countries across Europe. According to the Trade Union Advisory Committee as well as the Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz, the best alternative to the cuts is "investing in quality public services" rather than taking that funding away.

United Kingdom (U.K.): The government made the largest spending cuts since World War II. They reduced government funding for universities by the equivalent of 4.7 billion U.S. dollars and tripled the fees to attend many of those same universities.

France: Millions of people protested an increase in the retirement age. The increase means that people must wait longer to collect money after they stop working.

Romania: Salaries for many public sector jobs are being cut by 25 percent.

Greece: Salaries for some public sector jobs will be cut in half, and there will be cuts to spending on building of new schools, roads and hospitals.

Italy: The government is cutting spending for education by putting small universities together and ending some academic programs.





Meet... Hourmazdt from Iran

Name: Hourmazdt Tashoiy

Age: 8

Hometown: Tabriz

Languages spoken: Farsi, English

Hobbies: Computer games

Favorite subjects: History, science

Favorite foods: Spaghetti,
loobia polo (rice with vegetables)

**What would you like to be when you
grow up?** A policeman

**A few words for kids in the
United States:** "Iranian children like
me hate war and hurting people."



Iran at a Glance

Location: Iran occupies an important
strategic location between the Middle
East and Central Asia.

Geography: Iran is one of the most
mountainous countries in the world.
Iran's climate is mostly arid (dry)
or semi-arid, except in the north,
where rainforests grow.

Population: 75 million

Religions: Shi'a Muslims (89%), Sunni
Muslims (9%); Christians, Jews
and Zoroastrians also live in Iran.

People: Persian (65%), Azerbaijani (16%),
Kurd (7%), Lur (6%), Arab (2%)
and Baluchi (2%)

Languages: Farsi (official language);
Azerbaijani; Kurdish; Arabic and other
languages are also spoken.

Did you know? Words that originated
in Iran include *khaki*, *balcony*, *pajamas*,
bazaar, *caravan*, *lilac*, *paradise*,
shawl and *star*.

Learn a little FARSI

Salaam: Hello

Hoda Hafez: Goodbye

Sepaz Gozaram: Thank You

Gorbeh: Cat

**Profile courtesy Alex Stonehill,
The Common Language Project**

251,287

That's the number of cables (letters) from more than 250 U.S. embassies around the world that WikiLeaks is exposing to the public.

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Secret Government Documents Get Out

Memos point to U.S. government wrongdoing and lies

By AMANDA VENDER and JYOTHI NATARAJAN

More than 250,000 U.S. government documents about the United States' relationship with other countries are slowly being released to the public by the media organization WikiLeaks. Many of the documents are embarrassing for the United States and other governments because they show a lot of wrongdoing, lies and trickery by government officials. It is believed that the documents were given to WikiLeaks by someone inside the U.S. military.

Some information the documents show, so far:

- The largest source of funding for organizations that the United States has labeled "terrorist" is Saudi Arabia, a country in the Middle East. (However, U.S. government officials don't usually say anything bad about Saudi Arabia because it is an oil-rich friend of the U.S. government.)

- U.S. secretaries of state Condoleezza Rice and Hillary Clinton ordered the U.S. government to spy on foreign diplomats including the United Nations Secretary General.

- The U.S. military bombed and killed dozens of innocent people in Yemen, and then got the government of Yemen to take responsibility.

- At the 2009 climate conference in Copenhagen, Denmark, the United States and China, the world's two largest polluters, worked together to prevent European nations from reaching an agreement on what to do to save the planet in the face of climate change and global warming.



LEO GARCIA



No Free Press

One thing good journalists do is get secret documents from government officials in order to expose government wrongdoing. One example occurred in 1971, when a man named Daniel Ellsberg published secret U.S. government papers about the U.S. war in Vietnam that showed how the government lied to the people about the war. The release of these secret documents helped lead to the end of the Vietnam War, saving both U.S. and Vietnamese lives.

Instead of honoring WikiLeaks for helping to expose wrongdoing in government, however, the U.S. government and big U.S. corporations are trying to shut down the WikiLeaks website. Many people say this is a violation of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which protects the freedom of speech. Congressman Ron Paul, from Texas, spoke in support of WikiLeaks in a Fox Business Network interview: "In a free society we're supposed to know the truth."

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Where in the World?

All the places listed below are mentioned in this issue. Can you match them with their general location on the world map at right? Answers are at the bottom of this page.

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b) Greece ____

c) Sudan ____

d) Haiti ____

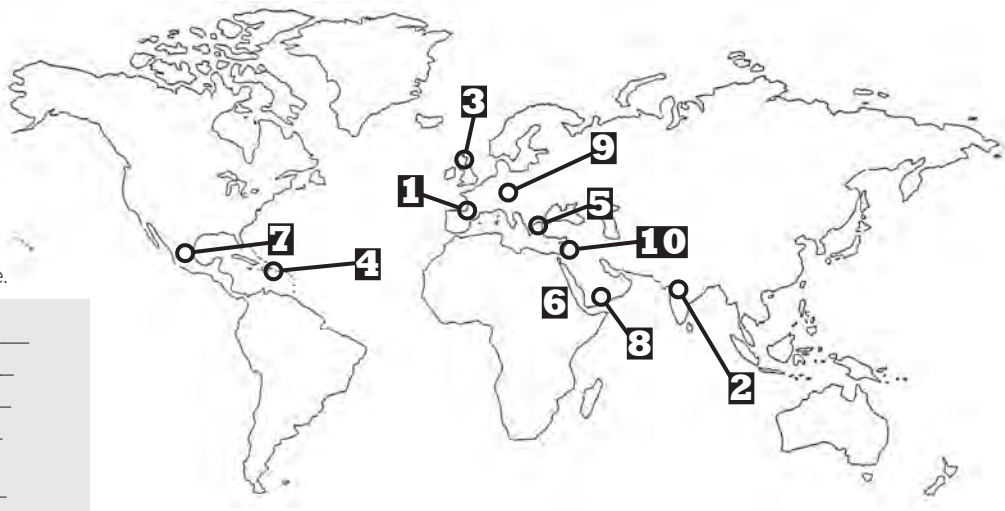
e) Pakistan ____
- f) Palestine ____

g) Mexico ____

h) France ____

i) Yemen ____

j) United Kingdom ____



Years Later, Black Farmers Find Justice

By CHIRAG BHATT

More than 75,000 black farmers were discriminated against when they applied for government loans in the 1980s and '90s. A law signed by President Obama on December 8 aims to right this wrong by giving more than \$1.1 billion to the farmers.

In 1997, a black farmer named Timothy Pigford went to court to argue the discrimination case. He revealed that thousands of black families lost their farms because either they were not given loans or they received smaller loans than white farmers. John Boyd, a black farmer from Virginia, told a reporter for the *Washington Post* that his application was torn up in front of him. "The discrimination was real for me," he said.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture later admitted that they had not given as many loans to black farmers, based on their race. In 1999, the government agreed to set up a program for the farmers to collect the money they were owed. However, many of the black farmers were told that they had missed the deadline to get their money.

Fortunately, in February 2010, a new settlement was reached to help farmers who had missed the deadline to collect the money they were due. "This isn't simply a matter of making amends. It's about reaffirming our values on which this nation was founded: principles of fairness and equality and opportunity," said President Obama when officially signing the law in December.

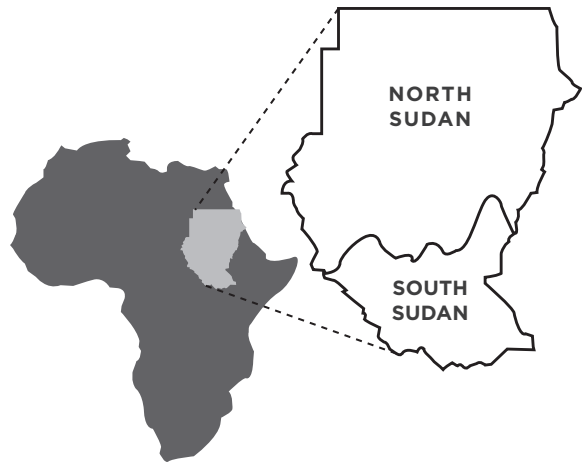


"When you can't get your money on time to operate, two or three weeks in the farming industry—that's like if you need water to drink and you can't get it till three days later," said one farmer who was denied a loan for his farm.



Warrior Kids

These kids in Southern Sudan, Africa, are children of the Wokowu Oke, or "Arrow Boys," who are traditional archer teams and defenders of the villages. They live in Malakia Village, Western Equatorial State. Soon, they may have a brand new country. Starting on January 9, citizens of Southern Sudan will vote on whether or not they want to be independent from Sudan. The vote is part of a treaty that ended a 21-year civil war that killed over two million people.



SUDAN SNAPSHOT

Geography: Sudan is the largest country in Africa. It is mostly flat with mountains in the far south, northeast and west, and desert dominates the north. The Nile River runs northward through the country.

Population: 42 million; 41% are under 15 years old

Religions: 70% Muslim, 25% animist or indigenous, 5% Christian

People: Black 52%, Arab 39%, Beja 6%, other 3%

Languages: Arabic and English (official), and Fujulu, Nubian, Ta Bedawie, dialects of Nilotic, Nilo-Hamitic, Sudanic languages

History: People have lived in permanent settlements in what is now Sudan for 8,000 years. Sudan gained independence from Britain in 1956. Northern Sudan is mostly Arab and Muslim while the South is Christian and Animists. These differences and colonial occupation by Britain and Egypt contributed to several civil wars in Sudan.

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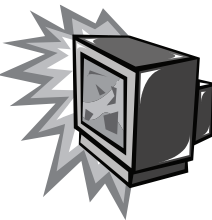
Haitians Battle Cholera



Cholera, an infection of the intestines, has killed 2,500 people in Haiti, where an earthquake struck on January 12, 2010. A Cuban-led medical group of more than 900 doctors and nurses has set up 39 cholera treatment centers in the hardest-to-reach areas, where people are most vulnerable. It is the largest medical group in Haiti from any one country.

TV Commercials Too Loud

Have you been blasted away by loud TV commercials? Too many people have, so Congress decided to ban them. In December, it passed the Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation Act (the CALM Act). The new law limits the volume on TV commercials so that they're not louder than the program you're watching.



Harsh Winter for Pakistan

More than one million people in the Sindh province in southeastern Pakistan are still unable to return home due to massive floods that began in July 2010. As the cold winter months approach, there is also a greater risk of diseases like pneumonia. According to the National Institute of Child Health in Pakistan, the number of flood survivors who have become sick could almost double this winter.



Countries Recognize Palestine



In December, Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay formally recognized Palestine as an independent nation. Somewhere between 106 to 115 countries now recognize Palestine, which declared itself a state in 1988. Palestine is located in the Middle East. It has territories that are occupied by Israel. When Israel was formed, about 750,000 Palestinians were forced to leave the area, and millions of people, along with their descendants, now live in refugee camps.



SEEKING: A PLACE TO CALL HOME LIFE IN FOSTER CARE

FOSTER CARE is a program in which children are cared for outside of their own home by people who are not their parents or legal guardians. Kids are placed in the foster care system, run by state and local government, usually due to reports of abuse or neglect. Children can enter foster care at any age, from infancy up to age 18 years, and most are out by the time they are 18 years old. Foster placements are meant to be temporary until a safe environment can be established at home, or until the child is adopted.

FOSTER CARE NUMBERS:

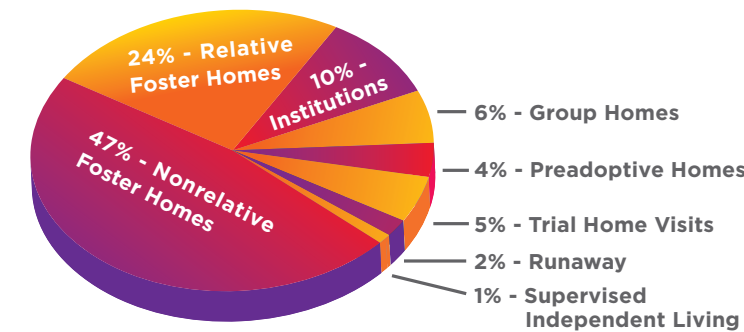
423,773 The number of children in foster care in the United States (Source: Children's Defense Fund, 2009)

9.8 years The median (middle) age of children in foster care (Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, September, 2008)

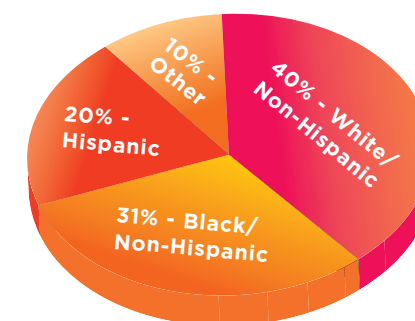
13.3 months The median (middle) amount of time kids spend in foster care (Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, September, 2008)

There are different types of foster homes and foster families. Sometimes children are placed in the care of a relative, and other times they become part of a foster family whom they have never met before.

Placement Settings for Children in Foster Care



Race and Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care



Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, September 30, 2008

If you or someone you know is being abused in foster care, here are some ways to get help:

- Tell your social worker. If that doesn't work, tell your social worker's supervisor.
- Tell your law guardian or lawyer.
- Call the National Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453). The hotline can connect you with help near you.
- Always keep track of things you're uncomfortable with in the home by writing down what happened and when. Having a written record can help you make your case.

By LISA GOODMAN, MATT SEIFMAN
and AMANDA VENDER
ILLUSTRATION By IVETTE SALOM

The following stories are portions of longer essays from *Represent*, a national magazine by and for young people in the foster care system.

Shantae Takes Charge! By SHANTAE

After about two months [at a foster home], everyone's attitude in the house changed toward me....they were worse than rude to me. I hated being treated that way. My past was already bad enough—feeling neglected and hurt my whole life, and now this. It seemed like no one wanted to stay a part of my life. People have walked in and out since Day One.

I decided to take action, and I called my action "Shantae Takes Charge!" It was late, but I called my social worker and left a message. She called me back first thing in the morning and got me right out of that home.

"Every child is supposed to have a place to call home—where she feels safe, somewhere to run to."

The feeling of being treated differently than biological kids is one of the worst feelings a foster kid could have. Nobody wants to feel inferior in her own home.

Every child is supposed to have a place to call home—where she feels safe, somewhere to run to.

I am currently at a great new foster home where they treat me as if I were one of their own. They tell me that they love me and reward me for my good behavior and grades. I almost never feel reminded that I am a foster kid.

Dealing with my past takes time, and I still feel angry and depressed a lot. But I am working on it and building trust with my new family. What helps me the most is knowing that I have a foster family that loves me.

Gaining A Family: I found good foster parents but lost my siblings By TERESA Reprinted from LA Youth

It was hard for me to accept that my siblings got adopted. I knew that we were all going to have separate lives. I lost the hope of one day becoming a whole family again. Even though we are no longer together, we have all found stability and families that love us. So I guess I would say that we are lucky. We each have two families now—our biological family and the families we live with.

"Your family is the people who are there for you in good times and bad times."

I used to think that family was only your brothers and sisters, mom and dad. But now I know that your family is the people who are there for you in good times and bad times. I never thought that when I moved into my third foster home I was going to gain a family.

A New World: Immigration and Foster Care By S.F.

When you're in foster care, feeling like you belong is important. For those of us who are immigrants in the system, that sense of belonging is even harder to achieve. We are separated not only from our loved ones, but from everything that is familiar—our language, culture, family history, and so much more.

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Star Count Has Tripled!

There are many more red dwarf stars in the universe than astronomers originally thought.

A red dwarf is a small star that is about one-tenth the size of our sun. Using more powerful instruments, scientists estimated that, if all red dwarf stars are included, there are approximately 300 sextillion stars in the universe. That's the number three followed by 23 zeros! The discovery also means there are more planets out there orbiting stars.



Fifth Graders Break the Ice

When NASA scientists in Antarctica needed help testing their new IceBreaker drill, they turned to fifth-grade students in Pleasanton, California, to do the job. Using a computer with remote drilling software, the students hammered through the icy Antarctic soil from the comfort of their classroom. The IceBreaker drill may be used on a future mission to Mars to collect samples from the Martian polar caps.

Rising Seas Put Marshall Islands in Danger

The Marshall Islands, a country in the Pacific, is in danger of disappearing due to the rising sea level. Its government is now faced with issues of displacement and national identity. There are no existing international laws explaining how nations should treat people whose country has disappeared as a result of environmental disaster.



Getting Wild With the Snowy Owl

Here's a creature that's got its camouflage ready for winter snow: the snowy owl. Males are nearly pure white, while females have some dark feathers.

Fact: They come out by day. Most owls are nocturnal, meaning they come out only at night. But snowy owls hunt and fly both day and night.

Fact: They catch prey even under the snow. With great hearing and eyesight, they swoop down on lemmings, rabbits, rodents, insects and fish.

Fact: Their wingspan is wider than most kids are tall: The average distance from wingtip to wingtip is between four and five feet.

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60%

That's the percentage of flowers sold in the United States that come from Colombia, a country in South America.
Source: International Labor Rights Forum

science&environment

United Nations Holds Conference to Fight Climate Change

By CHARISSE DE LOS REYES

Young environmentalists from Plant-for-the-Planet, an organization founded by 13-year-old Felix Finkbeiner from Germany, planted 193 seedlings outside the Moon Palace Resort in Cancun, Mexico, for the United Nations (U.N.) Climate Change Conference. The conference took place from November 29 to December 10, 2010. Ten-year-old Alessa Midirs Monroy told the *Democracy Now!* news program that they are planting trees "because we want a better future, and we want the CO₂ to reduce and are helping by planting trees."

Representatives from all over the world gathered in Cancun to come up with plans to fight climate change. While governments discussed climate change issues, such as global warming and the eventual submersion of some Pacific island countries, non-governmental organizations and activists protested the lack of representation of indigenous people at the conference.



Young environmentalists posing in front of the holes they dug for 193 baby trees, one for each nation in the world. "Stop talking. Start planting," was their message for the delegates at the U.N. Climate Change Conference.

The Conference ended with the adoption of the Cancun Agreement. It says that most countries will pledge to improve emission-reduction efforts, but there are no deadlines or specific targets. According to environmental journalist Kate Shepard, "While leaders have, on paper,

committed to limiting warming to 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit), the pledges so far won't meet that. Instead, they leave the world on a path to a temperature rise of 3 to 3.9 degrees Celsius—dangerously high for the most vulnerable regions of the world."

Bud, Not Buddy: A Young Boy's Search for Family

By EVELYN CANAL

Bud, Not Buddy is a story about a boy named Bud, who lived with his mother in Flint, Michigan, until she died when he was six. He did not know who his father was, so he had to go to an orphanage. Four years later, the 10-year-old gets a foster family, including their 12-year-old son, Todd, who is really mean to him. Bud runs away, getting revenge on Todd and his family. He tries to find Herman E. Calloway, who he thinks is his father. On the way, Lefty Lewis, a courier from

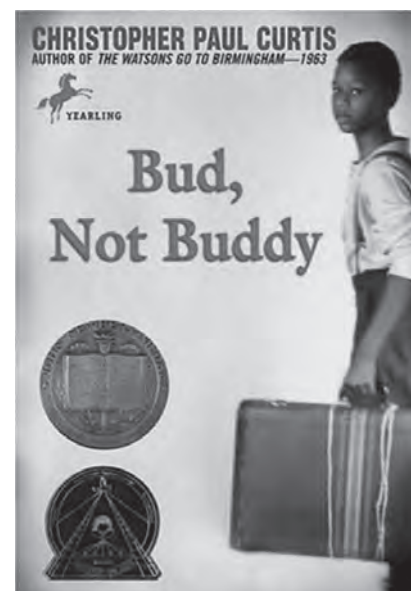
Grand Rapids and meet Calloway, who turns out to be Bud's grandfather. Calloway has a band and takes in Bud to be a part of his family.

Calloway is always grumpy, because his daughter ran away and then died when she got older. This affects him because he knows how hard he was on her, and he never got to say goodbye or see her once more. All he wanted was for her to be the first one in his family to go to college. He misses her, which is why he is so grumpy.

I think this story is a mixture of sadness and happiness. The sad part of the story is that Bud is an orphan. He also has to carry his mother inside him because she died. The happy part of the story

Review:
Bud, Not Buddy
by Christopher Paul Curtis
Delacorte, 1999

Grand Rapids, Michigan, tries to help him. They drive



is that Bud finally finds a family: Calloway and his band. Now he can let go of his mom but also be in her room at her old house.

Evelyn Canal is a fifth-grade student at Sankofa Academy in Oakland, California

your turn

Your Turn: What's Behind Cut Flowers

Most of the flowers sold on Valentine's Day come from countries in Latin America where workers aren't paid well and are exposed to harmful chemicals. If people know this, do you think they should still buy cut flowers for the people they love?



No, because it is not fair that the workers don't get paid much even if we pay a lot for the flowers, and if there are chemicals they can get sick.

Tianna Rodrigues
Age 9, Hawaii



No, there are other things you can do for the people you love.

Bailey Alabanza
Age 10, Hawaii



I think people should still buy flowers. It's the workers' choice to work a job where they are exposed to harmful chemicals.

Jasmin Ponio
Age 12, New York



I think so because it's important to let them know that you care about them.

Sydney White,
Age 13, Utah



No, there are other things that you can get for your loved ones—like a card, a teddy bear or even fake flowers.

Jared Henry
Age 10, Florida

Planet 51: An Unusual Immigration Story

By ROSE MARSH

What really grabs people when they see a movie? It could be funny, sad or show powerful visual images, or it could have a strong, clear message. "Planet 51" is an example of the issue of immigration hidden away in a fun-loving animated movie. "Planet 51" could be thought of as just another silly movie for kids, but actually it has great meaning.

When the American astronaut lands on Planet 51 in search of life, there are not only plants but green-skinned people similar to humans. When Captain Charles' (the astronaut) spaceship lands, the green-skinned people go nuts. They fear that he will destroy their planet. The

army on Planet 51 tries to kill Captain Charles because they are afraid of him. People shout

"The alien has come," which they learned from movies they saw about "aliens." Sometimes undocumented immigrants in the United States are called "illegal aliens" and not even treated as humans. That is the hidden comparison the movie is making about immigrants.

When Lem, a teenage boy on Planet 51, gets a job at the local planetarium, he realizes that the outside world is not as bad as most people on Planet 51 had imagined. Lem helps hide Captain Charles in secrecy because Lem is one of the few people who believe that the astronaut comes in peace.

I would recommend this movie if you're interested in a family-fun—but important—movie. It does get slow at some parts and could add a little more humor. Overall, I think it's a good movie that reaches out to a lot of people.

Rose Marsh is a Fifth grader who lives in Takoma Park, Maryland.



SONY PICTURES

Review:

Planet 51

directed by
Jorge Blanco
Tristar, 2009

letters

I think it's very important for them to have a library ["A Battle for Books"] because they need to have a place where they can read and do important things. In my community we have a local and school library and it's great.

Shanijah Cobbs, commenting online at www.indykids.org

I support the students and faculty of public schools throughout America. Charter schools have taken away money, space and privileges from public education. My school has also suffered from space being reduced because of another upcoming school.

Emely, Grade 6, Secondary School for Law, Brooklyn, NY

I think that the LGBT teenagers shouldn't kill themselves just because other teenagers bully them for being LGBT.

I think that the teens that are LGBT shouldn't care about what other teenagers think about them.

Chelsea, Grade 6, Secondary School for Law, Brooklyn, NY

I think healthcare is a good thing and he's [President Obama is] trying to help people a lot. I think he's helping the USA make better relationships with people in other parts of the world. I think it's kind of hard to be president because a lot of people get mad at him.

Kief, commenting online

I thought women had rights! Only 17 percent of the Senate are women!!!! I do wonder why we would elect so many more men than women, and so little minorities.

Riley Neher, commenting online



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WROD SCMARBEL

Read the clues to unscramble the words.

1. A large bird that lives mostly in the Arctic and is active both during day and night.
NWSOY WLO: _____
2. The law that regulates the volume of the commercials on television.
AMCL CAT: _____
3. A situation in which a child is taken care of by people who are not their parents.
TSFROE AERC: _____
4. An illness that spread throughout Haiti.
RLOHACE: _____
5. A country that is in danger of disappearing.
HMRALASL SNALISD: _____



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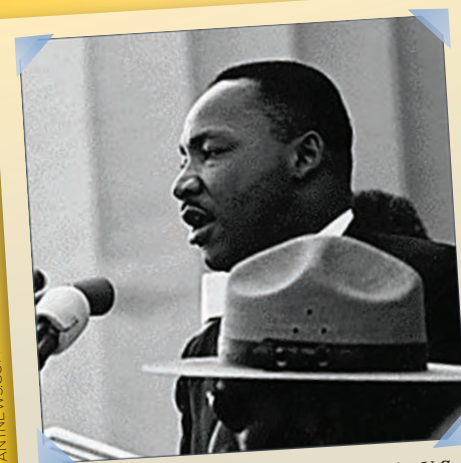
RECIPE: RICH HOT CHOCOLATE

Try this winter favorite! It's so much tastier than the instant packets.

Ingredients:

4 cups milk
1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1/4 cup sugar
4 ounces bittersweet or semisweet chocolate, chopped
Pinch of salt
Mini marshmallows

1. Bring milk, cocoa powder and sugar to simmer in a saucepan while whisking.
2. Add chocolate; whisk until melted and smooth.
3. Add salt; bring to a simmer, whisking constantly.
4. Ladle into 4 mugs. Sprinkle with marshmallows.



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Martin Luther King, Jr. speaking about the U.S. war in Vietnam on April 4, 1967, exactly one year before his murder.

"I speak as one who loves America, to the leaders of our own nation: The great initiative in this war is ours; the initiative to stop it must be ours."

"A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death."

WHO AM I?



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1. I worked as a U.S. military analyst in the 1960s.
2. I became opposed to war after hearing a speech at an anti-war conference by someone who was willing to go to jail for refusing to join the military.
3. In 1971, I made photocopies of secret U.S. government documents that proved the government had lied to its people about its involvement in the Vietnam War. I released them to the public. These were known as the Pentagon Papers.
4. I was arrested in 2005 for trespassing while protesting the invasion of Iraq in 2003.
5. I have spoken in support of Julian Assange, the founder of WikiLeaks, an organization that exposed U.S. military crimes against people in Iraq and Afghanistan.

FIGURE THIS!

See if you can figure out the answer to these math problems. Then look through this issue of *IndyKids* to find an article on these topics.

1. At least 106 countries now recognize Palestine as a nation. There are 193 countries in the world. What percent of countries recognize Palestine as a nation?



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2. Twenty percent of working people in Spain are unemployed. But for people ages 16-24, the rate is more than 40 percent, or 860,000 young people looking for work. How many people ages 16-24 live in Spain?

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